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hear you characterize this bill as about abortion, and I...I just can't accept that and I, for the record, have to tell you this bill is not about abortion. Now I was ready to accept your amendment because I didn't think there was anything wrong with your amendment till you started explaining it. I'm not sure I still understand what you are saying in this amendment and so I would like to ask you. The language originally said that nothing in Sections 1 to 7 of this act requires the Women's Health Initiative of Nebraska to accept any private donations that are not in keeping with the goals and objectives set forth in the initiative and the Department of Health and Human Services. Nothing requires them to do that. They don't have to. You know, if it's not in keeping with the objectives and policies that we've set out here, they don't have to. So tell me once again what you're trying to do with this, this word change.

SENATOR TYSON: The word...nothing "requires" them to accept and nothing "allows" them to accept, Senator, if I may answer, between require...nothing requires...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR TYSON: ...in other words, they could accept if they want. They're not required to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Sure.

SENATOR TYSON: And nothing allows them to accept means they can't accept. It's that simple.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think, actually, my original interpretation of your amendment was that it didn't amount to a hill of beans, but I'm not so sure now what you think you're going to accomplish with this amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: With the total amendment, Senator Schimek, it comes down, again, to the third and fourth part, which has to...I mean all this thing has to be read as a unit, but you indicated to me last year when I had, I forget which...whether it's AM1055 or AM1597...